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Land Grant Application- Read, Abijah (Westford)

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Secretary's Office, May 8th 1833.

I hereby Certify, That, from an examination of the Books and Documents, relating to Military Services in the War of the Revolution, which remain in this Department, it appears that the name of Abijah Kead is found on a roll of Capt. Jonathan Minott's Company, in Col. Baldwin's Regt. — Said roll is dated Jan'y 12, 1776 — appears to be for short service — no time of service mentioned.

Said Kead's name is found on a Muster-roll of Capt. Abishai Brown, in Col. Josiah Whitney's Regt. — having entered May 14, 1776, and served ^{where pay is allowed two months and eighteen days.} to August 1, 1776. — Service performed at Hull.

Said Kead's name is further found on another Muster-roll of the same Captain, under the same Colonel, and on the same service, where he commenced August 1, 1776, and served to November 2, 1776, and is allowed three months.

Said Kead's name is found also in a Record bearing title as follows: — "The United States Dr. to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the amount paid Col. Ichabod Alden, his Officers and Men, to make good the depreciation of their wages for the first three years service in the Continental Army," &c. — Said Kead claims that

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in this Regiment he served in Capt. William H. Ballard's Company three years. - (William H. Ballard is found as the first Captain, on this roll, among others.)

Said Read's name is further found on a Pay-Roll of Capt. Daniel Bowker, in Col. Webb's Regiment, having entered August 18, 1781, and being discharged November 30, 1781, - and for which service and for time to return home, he is allowed three months and twenty-two days.

Edward D. Bangs Esq

I Abijah Read of Westford in the
County of Middlesex and Commonwealth
of Massachusetts of lawful age do testify
and say that I enlisted into the Army
of the revolutionary war. and served several
Campaigns in several regiments at various
periods of time. - Afterwards enlisted in the
seventh Massachusetts regiment Commanded
- at by Colonel Brooks and served the full
term of three years - That I resided in the
town of Westford at the time of my enlistment
and to the present time. - That I received
an honorable discharge at the time I left
the Army. the certificate of which was sent
to Washington to obtain my person and has
never been returned - Dated at Boston this
eighth day of May eighteen hundred
and thirty. three - Abijah Read

Witness.

E. Spelling

Suffolk J. Boston 8th May 1893 This personally
appeared before me the above named Abijah
Read and made oath to the truth of the
above affidavit. Before me. Geo. W. Coffin

Justice of the Peace

Abijah Reed

Sept. 8 May 1833

Pres. of the Senate

Know all Men by these presents,
That I Abijah Read of Westport, in
the County of Middlesex & Common-
wealth of Massachusetts - formerly a
sergeant in the seventh Massachusetts
regiment, commanded by Colonel
Brooks - In consideration of the sum
of Fifty - - - - - dollars
to me in hand paid by Abner Coburn
and Isaac Farrar of Bloomfield in the
State of Maine I do hereby remise release
and assign unto the said Abner Coburn
and Isaac Farrar - all my right, title
and interest, in and unto two hundred
acres of land to which I am entitled
by virtue of a grant made to the
soldiers of the revolutionary war, pur-
suant to resolves of the Legislature of
said Commonwealth passed the 27th day
of March last - And I do hereby request
the said Agent of said Commonwealth
to execute a deed accordingly Dated at
Boston this eighth day of May 1837 -
Witness

Abijah Read

E. A. Spelling

Suffolk Co. 8th May 1837. Then the above
named Abijah Read appeared personally
before me and acknowledged the foregoing
instrument by him subscribed to be his free
act & deed -

G. W. Coffin

Jur. of the Peace